

THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF BI-MONTHLY STATION ALLOWANCE CHANGES EFFECTIVE **16 FEBRUARY 2003**, FOR THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: **ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, CUBA, CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK, EGYPT, ESTONIA, FAEROE ISLANDS, GIBRALTAR, GUAM, HAITI, ICELAND, ITALY, JAMAICA, LITHUANIA, MALTA, MAURITIUS, PARAGUAY, TAIWAN, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA AND ZIMBABWE**

THE CHANGES ARE GROUPED BY TYPE OF ALLOWANCE (SECTION A: COST-OF-LIVING; SECTION B: OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE; SECTION C: EXCHANGE RATES); THEREFORE, A COUNTRY/ LOCALITY MAY BE LISTED IN MORE THAN ONE SECTION OF THE MESSAGE.

SECTION A

APPENDIX J - COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES WILL CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

COUNTRY: (AG) ALGERIA			CHANGE CODE(S): D
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
114	112	999	

COUNTRY: (CA) CANADA			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
106	N/C	009, 017, 033, 035, 053, 057, 061, 069, 073, 089, 091, 999	
114	116	037	
106	108	003	
114	116	023, 025, 029, 077	
110	112	013, 083	
106	108	044	
108	N/C	045	
126	128	076	
108	N/C	081	

Effective 16 February 2003, COLA unique is revised from \$703 to \$713 for members with dependents and from \$406 to \$411 for members without dependents in Winnipeg, Canada

COUNTRY: (CU) CUBA			CHANGE CODE(S): D
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
138	136	001	

COUNTRY: (EZ) CZECH REPUBLIC			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
112	116	001,999	

COUNTRY: (DA) DENMARK			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
144	148	003	
146	150	001, 004, 025	

COUNTRY: (EG) EGYPT			CHANGE CODE(S): D
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
112	110	001,002,003,006,007	

COUNTRY: (EN) ESTONIA			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
102	112	999	

COUNTRY: (FO) FAEROE ISLANDS			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
152	154	999	

COUNTRY: (GI) GIBRALTAR			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
136	142	001	

Effective 16 February 2003, COLA unique is revised from \$425 to \$446 for all members in Gibraltar

COUNTRY: (IC) ICELAND			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
150	154	001	
152	158	005	
None	N/C	999	

COUNTRY: (IT) ITALY			CHANGE CODE(S): D
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
120	N/C	073, 100	
120	N/C	005, 031, 035, 059	
130	N/C	007, 033, 064, 068	
126	134	055	
134	136	029	
120	124	001	

COUNTRY: (MT) MALTA			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
120	126	999	

COUNTRY: (MP) MAURITIUS			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
None	N/C	999	

COUNTRY: (TW) TAIWAN			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
146	140	999	

COUNTRY: (TS) TUNISIA			CHANGE CODE(S): X
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
108	112	999	

COUNTRY: (TU) TURKEY			CHANGE CODE(S): D
FROM	TO	LOCALITIES	
102	104	003,999	

COUNTRY: (UK) UNITED KINGDOM

CHANGE CODE(S): D,X

FROM	TO	LOCALITIES
120	122	001, 153, 207, 352, 463, 883, 885 031, 042, 133, 148, 149, 178, 189, 198, 243, 248, 251, 267, 273, 284, 320, 341, 348, 349, 376, 384, 388, 401, 411, 439, 481, 484, 490, 493, 518, 525,
126	130	530, 561, 568, 575, 576, 635, 641, 646, 868
120	130	218 055, 058, 087, 103, 105, 139, 161, 194, 221, 229, 235, 237, 280, 302, 318, 330, 405, 496, 502, 508, 514, 553, 571, 577, 600, 615, 676, 687, 711, 733, 739, 741, 742, 743, 760, 766, 784, 789, 795, 811, 819, 824, 834, 841, 847,
130	136	884
126	136	863
134	140	319
136	144	380
134	138	517
128	132	497,559
120	126	313

Effective 16 February 2003, COLA Unique is revised from \$435 to \$465 annually for all personnel in the United Kingdom

SECTION B

APPENDIX K, TABLE I - OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCES

NOTE: FOR MOST COUNTRIES, OHA TABLES ARE PUBLISHED IN LOCAL CURRENCY AND ONLY DATA CHANGES ARE REPORTED. ALL CURRENCY CHANGES ARE REPORTED IN SECTION C.

COUNTRY: (AR) ARGENTINA
Rate of Exchange: 0.319489
CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (CA) CANADA
Rate of Exchange: 0.675676
CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (CI) CHILE
Rate of Exchange: 0.001357
CHANGE CODE(S): X

				O4/W5 /W4	O3 /W3	O2/W2 /W1/	
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>LOCALITY CODE</u>	<u>O6</u>	<u>O5</u>	<u>O3E</u>	<u>O2E</u>	<u>O1E</u>	<u>O1</u>
CHILE:	CI						
SANTIAGO	001	2209955	2209955	1694640	1620631	1327715	1262088
VINA DEL MAR	004	1028092	1028092	1028092	749327	749327	749327
OTHER	999	942914	942914	942914	942914	847148	847148

								E2/E1
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>LOCALITY CODE</u>	<u>E9</u>	<u>E8</u>	<u>E7</u>	<u>E6</u>	<u>E5</u>	<u>E4</u>	<u>E3</u>
CHILE:	CI							
SANTIAGO	001	1362915	1362915	1362915	1362915	1184038	1108885	1108885
VINA DEL MAR	004	749327	749327	736800	736800	656489	656489	656489
OTHER	999	847148	847148	847148	749327	749327	749327	749327

COUNTRY: (CO) COLOMBIA
Rate of Exchange: 0.000339
CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (EZ) CZECH REPUBLIC
Rate of Exchange: 0.034965
CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (DA) DENMARK
Rate of Exchange: 0.150038
CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (EG) EGYPT
Rate of Exchange: 0.183150
CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (EN) ESTONIA
Rate of Exchange: 0.071582
CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (GI) GIBRALTAR
Rate of Exchange: 1.712329
CHANGE CODE(S): X

COUNTRY: (GQ) GUAM

CHANGE CODE(S): D

				O4/W5 /W4	O3 /W3	O2/W2 /W1/	
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>LOCALITY CODE</u>	<u>O6</u>	<u>O5</u>	<u>O3E</u>	<u>O2E</u>	<u>O1E</u>	<u>O1</u>
	GQ						
GUAM	001	2600	2600	N/C	N/C	2350	N/C

								E2/E1
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>LOCALITY CODE</u>	<u>E9</u>	<u>E8</u>	<u>E7</u>	<u>E6</u>	<u>E5</u>	<u>E4</u>	<u>E3</u>
	GQ							
GUAM	001	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	1350	1350

COUNTRY: (HA) HAITI

CHANGE CODE(S): X

Rate of Exchange: 0.024038

COUNTRY: (IC) ICELAND

CHANGE CODE(S): D,X

Rate of Exchange: 0.013889

Effective 16 February 2003, MIHA-Miscellaneous is revised from 0 to 45047 Icelandic Krona for all personnel in Iceland

COUNTRY: (JM) JAMAICA

CHANGE CODE(S): X

Rate of Exchange: 0.018868

COUNTRY: (PA) PARAGUAY

CHANGE CODE(S): X

Rate of Exchange: 0.000144

COUNTRY: (TW) TAIWAN

CHANGE CODE(S): X

Rate of Exchange: 0.028818

COUNTRY: (TS) TUNISIA

CHANGE CODE(S): X

Rate of Exchange: 0.769231

COUNTRY: (UK) UNITED KINGDOM

CHANGE CODE(S): X

Rate of Exchange: 1.712329

COUNTRY: (UY) URUGUAY

CHANGE CODE(S): X

Rate of Exchange: 0.035549

COUNTRY: (VE) VENEZUELA

CHANGE CODE(S): X

Rate of Exchange: 0.000520

COUNTRY: (ZI) ZIMBABWE

CHANGE CODE(S): X

Rate of Exchange: 0.000714

				O4/W5 /W4	O3 /W3	O2/W2 /W1/	
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>LOCALITY CODE</u>	<u>O6</u>	<u>O5</u>	<u>O3E</u>	<u>O2E</u>	<u>O1E</u>	<u>O1</u>
	ZI						
ZIMBABWE	999	1461235	1461235	1239901	1162914	993357	886880

								E2/E1
<u>LOCALITY</u>	<u>LOCALITY CODE</u>	<u>E9</u>	<u>E8</u>	<u>E7</u>	<u>E6</u>	<u>E5</u>	<u>E4</u>	<u>E3</u>
	ZI							
ZIMBABWE	999	1043732	962444	886880	820989	738314	641660	596826

SECTION C

EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

CHANGES TO ALLOWANCES ARE BASED ON VALUE FLUCTUATIONS OF FOREIGN MONETARY UNITS IN RELATION TO THE U.S. DOLLAR. EXCHANGE RATES USED BY THE COMMITTEE FOLLOW:

EXCHANGE RATE (TO 1 DLR U.S.)

LOCALITY	FROM	TO
ARGENTINA	3.3	3.13
CANADA	1.5	1.48
CHILE	702.6	736.8
COLOMBIA	2810	2953
CZECH REPUBLIC	30.4	28.6
DENMARK	6.885	6.665
EGYPT	4.53	5.46
ESTONIA	15.3	13.97
FAEROE ISLANDS	6.885	6.665
GIBRALTAR	0.6134	0.584
HAITI	35.4	41.6
ICELAND	75.9	72
JAMAICA	48.92	53
LITHUANIA	3.37	3.19
MALTA	0.4072	0.39
MAURITIUS	29.2	27.6
PARAGUAY	7175	6950
TAIWAN	33.05	34.7
TUNISIA	1.38	1.3
UNITED KINGDOM	0.6134	0.584
URUGUAY	27.2482	28.13
VENEZUELA	1406	1922
ZIMBABWE	1620	1401

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

1. ALLOWANCE CHANGES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THREE OTHER SOURCES: THE NORMAL TRANSACTION FILE, DISPATCHED TO ALL DFAS FINANCE CENTERS VIA DEFENSE MANPOWER DATA CENTER (DMDC); THE PER DIEM COMMITTEE'S FTP SERVER (<ftp://www.perdiem.osd.mil/msgs>); AND THE WEB. THOSE OFFICES AND ORGANIZATIONS NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE ALLOWANCE CHANGES VIA ANY OF THE THREE MODES MENTIONED ABOVE SHOULD ACCESS THE DATA THROUGH THEIR NORMAL FINANCE CENTER ORGANIZATION OR PARENT AGENCY.
2. WHERE PRACTICAL, ONLY LOCALITIES WHICH CHANGE ARE LISTED. LOCALITIES NOT LISTED REMAIN UNCHANGED. NO LISTING IS DELETED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED.
3. COST-OF-LIVING AND OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE CHANGE CODE SYMBOLS ARE: '**D**' (CHANGES BASED ON NEW COST DATA); '**X**' (CHANGES BASED ON A FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENT); AND '**E**' (CHANGES BASED ON AN EMERGENCY ACTION).
4. DATA CHANGES TO COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES ARE BASED ON REVIEW OF RETAIL PRICE SCHEDULES RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR FROM COMMANDS.
5. DATA CHANGES TO OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE RENTAL CEILINGS ARE BASED ON REVIEW OF DFAS FINANCE CENTER DATA AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FROM COMMANDS; CHANGES TO UTILITY/RECURRING MAINTENANCE, AND TO MOVE-IN HOUSING (MIHA)/MISCELLANEOUS ALLOWANCES ARE BASED ON REVIEW OF HOUSING COST DATA SUBMITTED BY COMMANDS.